

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Mitchell (U.S. Patent No. 4,544,134).

It is noted with appreciation that claims 5 and 6 have been indicated to be allowable if written in independent form. New claim 8 includes the features of original claims 1 and 5.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to more particularly recite that the mounting bracket has multiple openings for alignment of the bracket with threaded openings in a bell housing. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the power means is connected to the elongated lift arm between the inner and outer ends of the lift arm.

The Section 102(b) rejection of claims 1-4 is traversed. In Mitchell, even if the "structural part 15" is construed as "an elongated lift arm", then the power means does not selectively raise and lower the outer end of such lift arm as required in the present claims. Structural part 15 cannot be raised or lowered relative to bracket 21 because one end of part 15 is attached to the bracket 21 itself and the opposite end is attached to the torsion bar 12 of the vehicle and therefore it cannot be raised or lowered.

Furthermore, Mitchell's device is not a lift tool for installation of a clutch assembly or flywheel in accordance with applicant's invention. Rather, Mitchell's device is designed to

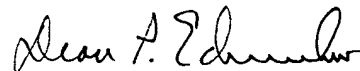
relieve the torsional or rotating action created by the weight of an automobile as it is applied to the torsion bar. Mitchell's device is not designed or intended as a lift tool for a clutch assembly or flywheel.

The reference number 11 in Mitchell refers to a spring plate which is part of the vehicle itself-it is not a hook member. Reference number 12 in Mitchell refers to the torsion bar of the vehicle. Reference number 29 in Mitchell refers to a safety clip which prevents unwanted reactionary movements of the A-frame and jack assembly-it is not a hanger as described by applicant.

Thus, the Mitchell patent does not describe the lift tool as described and claimed by applicant. Furthermore, Mitchell does not suggest a lift tool as described and claimed by applicant.

In view of the present amendments to the claims, and the foregoing remarks, applicant submits that the presently amended claims are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are courteously solicited.

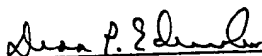
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